

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE AND SENATORS ALLAIN, BARROW, BISHOP,
BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, GATTI, JOHNS, LAMBERT, MARTINY,
MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, PETERSON, AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the metropolitan council of the parish of East Baton Rouge to work with Louisiana State University and the secretary of state to consolidate polling places for residents of the Baton Rouge campus of the university to provide for one, centralized polling place on campus.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Election Code provides that parish governing authorities establish precincts; and

WHEREAS, a polling place must be located in a public building if one is available; and

WHEREAS, all public bodies are required to allow the use of public buildings as polling places without cost or charge when the governing authority requires it; and

WHEREAS, there are two polling places for residents of the Baton Rouge campus of Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 18:533(A)(2) provides that the "parish governing authority shall, to the extent possible, locate multiple precincts in a polling location, if it determines after due consideration that to locate multiple polling places within the same polling location would be efficient, cost-effective, and convenient to voters"; and

WHEREAS, a full-time student attending an institution of higher learning in Louisiana may register to vote at the place where the student resides while attending the institution; and

WHEREAS, it is important to engage students in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, consolidating the separate polling places for residents of the Baton Rouge campus of Louisiana State University in one, centralized location on campus would make voting more convenient and therefore could increase voter participation; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Student Union, which is a center for campus life, should be considered as a possible location for the consolidated polling place.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the metropolitan council of the parish of East Baton Rouge to work with Louisiana State University and the secretary of state to consolidate polling places for residents of the Baton Rouge campus of the university to provide for one, centralized polling place on campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of the metropolitan council of the parish of East Baton Rouge, the president of Louisiana State University and the secretary of state.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE